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SUBJ: AMERICAN OBSERVERS

A SYNOPSIS OF OBSERVERS' TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOLLOWS. IT WILL REMAIN FLEXIBLE, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR WISHES OF EACH INDIVIDUAL OBSERVER.

WED. 30 AUG:

1700 ARRIVED SAIGON. 1830-2000 INFORMAL COCKTAIL WITH AMB. BUNKER (OPTIONAL)

THURS. 31 AUG: 0930-1100 WELCOME BY AMB BUNKER AN COMUSMACV, FOLLOWED
BY POLITICAL BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS.
1400: GROUP 1 TO DANANG (REMAIN OVERNIGHT), GROUP 2 TO NHA TRANG (REMAIN OVERNIGHT), GROUP 3 TO PHU CUONG, GROUP 4 TO CAO LANH, GROUP 5- SAIGON.

2-2200: GROUPS 3, 4, 5: THOSE WHO WISH MAY WATCH CANDIDATES

ON TV AT JUSPAO OR AT QUARTERS. TRANSLATORS WILL BE

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FRI 1 SEPT: GROUP 1 DANANG RETURN 1700, GROUP 2 NHA TRANG RETURN 1610, GROUP 3 TP PHAN THIET RETURN 1500, GROUP 4 TO HAU NGHIA RETURN 1505, GROUP 5 SAIGON.

1700: ALL GROUPS: THOSE WHO WISH MAY VIEW RALLY AT CITY HALL SQUARE.

1830-2000: RECEPTION AT AMB. BUNKER'S (OPTIONAL).

2100-2200: THOSE WHO WISH MAY WATHC CANDIDATES ON TV.

SAT 2 SEPT:

0840: ALL GROUPS: SEE ELECTION PREPARATIONS AT SEPCIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION.
0955: MEET CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

1030: GVN MILITARY BRIEFING, OR ALTERNATE ELECTION OBSERVATION.

1130-1230: CALL ON LT GEN. THIEU, PRIME MINISTER KY.

1500: FREE WORLD MILITARY BRIEFING

1620: TOUR TO VIW PREPARATIONS AT POLLING STATIONS.

2000: RECEPTION BY GVN TO WHICH ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES INVITED.

SUN 3 SEPT:

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0700: GROUP 1 TO SAIGON-BIEN HOA-GIA DINH, GROUP TO TO HUEN GROUP 3 TO CAN THO. ADDITIONAL TRIPS ARE PROPOSED SO THAT OBSERVERS MAY COVER ALL FOUR COPRS AREAS.

2000: ALL GROUPS OBSERVE RESULTS OF ELECTION AT NATIONAL

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ASSEMBLY.

MON 4 SEPT:

0800-1200: ALL GROUPS: MACV BRIEFINGS.

1600: DEPART VIETNAM.

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN OBSERVERS TO VIET-NAM

1. OBSERVER GROUP ARRIVED SAIGON AT 1700 AUGUST 30 AS PLANNED. MET AT AIRPORT BY GVN RECEPTION COMMITTEE HEADED BY NGUYEN DUY LIEN, NEW DIRECTEUR DU CABINET IN FONOFF AND ON U.S. SIDE BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND GENERAL WESTMORELAND.

2. GROUP INTRODUCED TO PRESS BY AMBASSADOR LODGE IN BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIP LOUNGE AT AIRPORT FOLLOWING WELCOMING STATEMENTS FROM NGUYEN DUY LIEN AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER. PRESS ASKED ONLY A FEW QUESTIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE CONCERNING THE OBSERVERS' ROLE TO WHICH AMBASSADOR LODGE RESPONDED, NOTING PREVIOUS US PARTICIPATION IN ELECTION OBSERVATION ABROAD, SUCH AS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LAST YEAR.

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3. FOLLOWING BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER, GENERAL WESTMORELAND AND OFFICERS OF THE POLITICAL SECTION, OBSERVERS WILL DIVIDE INTO GROUPS, ON GOING TO EACH OF THE CORPS AREAS

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